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CCWD interests regarding the CALFED Bay-Delta Program  
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#### CCWD Interests in the Bay-Delta and Associated River Systems

Even before the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, CCWD had promoted elements that were critical to CCWD's ability to provide safe, reliable, and cost-effective drinking water to its customers. Along with the needs for high quality drinking water, CCWD believes that the Bay-Delta ecosystem should be responsibly managed as a precious resource with many, often competing, beneficial uses. Specifically, the interests that CCWD wants to see enhanced through the CALFED Bay-Delta program are:

1. Protection and enhancement of the Bay-Delta ecosystem to ensure a suitable and healthy environment is a core activity on which all other improvements are based. Assurance that alterations to the system result in an improved environment and that additional water deliveries are surplus to the needs of the Delta.
2. Protection and improvement of water quality in the Delta to allow high quality water to be served to M&I customers to meet current and future water quality standards and customers expectations.
3. Recognition that all water users of the system have a responsibility to mitigate for the impacts on the Delta caused by their uses.
4. Protection and improvement of water quality in tributary streams.
5. Protection and improvement of water quality for storage to the Los Vaqueros Reservoir.
6. Balancing of impacts to the District's water supplies (including its CVP, Los Vaqueros and other water rights) and costs with fairly applied across the board impacts to all water users of the Delta and tributary systems.
7. Protection and enhancement of the District's ability to divert water under its current rights and contracts, as well as under potential transfers.
8. Assurance that the operation of the projects in exporting water does not infringe upon the commitments to ensure adequate supplies to in-basin users.